Central Assistance to fruits/vegetables based industries in Tamil Nadu

1263. SHRI R.T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government are providing any assistance to the industries based on fruits/vegetables in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided during each of the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries have plan schemes for grant of financial assistance to the industries based on fruits/vegetables. However no such proposal has been received for grant of financial assistance for setting up of fruit and vegetable industries in Tamil Nadu.

(b) Does not arise.

Food processing by Pepsico

1264. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of food processing achieved by the Pepsico so far ;

(b) whether Government are aware that Pepsico Costs towards fruit processing have quadrupled;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) M/s. Pepsi Foods Limited has informed that the food items manufactured by them including those in the premises leased by them for different periods upto 31-12-1991 are given is the statement annexed (*See* below) The company has informed that there is no significant change in the cost of processing of fruits and costs have remained according to plan.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Statement

Period	Production					
	Snack Food (M.ton)	Fruits/ Veg. Products (M.ton)	Soft drink Concentrate (Units)	Rice (M.ton)	Sea (M.ton)	Tea (M.ton)
Upto 31-3-90 . . .	87	..	..	..	..	..
1-4-90– 31-3-91 . .	269	29·7	4130	360·7	96	110
1-4-91–31-12-91 . .	360	2635	6497	1482·44	..	114·09